

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS  
OF  
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT  
180 BEACH ST  
WESTERLY, RI 02891  
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

**The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:00 p.m. All members were present. Also present were Sam Homsy of the Cyclone Steam Fire Engine Co. #2, DJ McGouran of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1, 1st Lieutenant Kyle Austin of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. # 1 and a prospective candidate Nicholas Lamperelli.**

**Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Trebisacci to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

**Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Trebisacci to approve the bills of the evening. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The following bills were paid;**

**Michael Gomes 212 240.00**

**EZ Waste Systems 402 30.00**

**Home Depot 402 32.00**

**SeaScape Lawn 402 450.80**

**Sherwin Williams 402 28.40**

**AT&T 403 41.27**

**Cox Business 403 231.58**

**Verizon 403 62.60**  
**Verizon 403 58.77**  
**Chase 504 200.00**  
**CyberComm 601 160.00**  
**NAFI-31 900 65.00**  
**Chase 1201 76.48**  
**Globe Manufacturing Co. 1201 144.36**  
**Chase 1202 320.97**  
**Chase 1500 148.58**  
**FedEx 1500 14.25**  
**Ricoh USA, Inc. 1500 72.43**  
**Vision Government Solutions 1500 5,563.52**  
**Chase 1700 461.10**  
**Paul Cornelius 1700 87.64**  
**Pizza Lady 1700 63.50**  
**Poland Springs 1800 54.28**  
**Westerly Jewelry 1800 62.10**  
**Chase 2700 143.85**  
**Cox Business 2700 100.00**  
**Techno Logo 3001 141.00**  
**JMACK Studios 9000 1,106.25**  
**Westerly Packing 9000 1,102.66**  
**Chase 9400 171.07**  
**CyberComm 9400 636.00**  
**Verizon Wireless 9400 104.82**

Homsi and McGouran reported on the Christmas cocktail party being planned by the four companies. Since the cocktail party included all companies they wished the Board of Engineers to deem it a departmental function and asked if the Board would be willing to aid in the paying for a portion. Asst. Chief Trebisacci asked if money were a problem. Homsi reported it was not. Asst. Chief Trebisacci stated the companies are given a stipend. It is up to the companies how it is spent. He stated if the companies were having issues they need to approach the Board of Engineers. Asst. Chief Morrone concurred and stated the companies should watch what they spend. Asst. Chief Fusaro agreed and added he would not support the companies coming to the Board if they were low on money. The Companies need to be prudent when spending their stipends. Chief Mackay agreed and would not allow this to become a precedent. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated if expenses are surpassing the stipends given each company they should approach the Westerly Fire District Salary Review Committee with reasons why their stipends should be raised. Homsi and McGouran thanked the Board for their consideration and exited the meeting.

1st Lieutenant Kyle Austin of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1 presented Nicholas Lamperelli as a candidate for membership. The Board of Engineers noted the criminal background check required contact of the Rhode Island Attorney General's office. The candidate was given the opportunity to explain the situation. The Board found his explanation acceptable. He informed the Board of Engineers he

had recently been hired by Electric Boat in Groton, CT and would be working 2nd shift. The Board followed the normal interview process. Upon completion of the interview the candidate and 1st Lieutenant Austin were told the Board would approve the application once Chief Mackay verified the account given by the candidate with the Attorney General's Office. Chief Mackay stated he would notify the Board of Engineers and the officers of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. # 1 when this was completed. They left the meeting.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci questioned the necessity of hiring Vision to do our billing. A large amount was spent printing and sending the fire district tax bills. Chief Mackay asked and was told it was the easiest way to get the information needed for the billing and mailing. Asst. Chief Trebisacci also inquired as to when the new secretary was hired. This discussion led to a further discussion on the annual auditor's report on recommendations to firm up checks and balances within the tax office.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported he was looking into a service company for the apparatus due to our ongoing issues with Shipman's Fire Equipment. A company from South Kingstown repaired a leak on Engine 3 and quickly surveyed Engines 1 and 2. Asst. Chief Morrone revealed a leak on a seal in Engine 2's pump shaft would cost approximately \$700.00 to repair. He also reported Engine 2 was in need of tires. The company could also do all federal inspections for the apparatus.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported the equipment survey is complete for WT 3 and all equipment on the truck weighs approximately 1,300

pounds. The driver inspection list will be ready to go in January when the Driver's meeting occurs.

He reported looking at the rescue in Essex was very informative. He would like to see the Board begin to write specification for a vehicle in January to bring to a special meeting.

Asst. Chief Morrone also asked if the department patch could be put on the uniform jackets. When attending out of town parades many ask where we are from. Chief Mackay will look into it.

Asst. Chief Morrone asked if the department would be hosting a Firefighter I class. Asst. Chief Fusaro stated at the training meeting in September Chief Mackay stated he was looking into it because the RI Fire Chiefs' Association had a grant to buy turnout gear for those who completed a Firefighter I class. Chief Mackay stated he did not look into it but the grant is still available.

Asst. Chief Morrone asked if the room housing the pool table could be turned into a Board of Engineers' meeting room. There seems to be no interest in the pool table and the room could be made into a meeting room. He checked with District Solicitor Michael Lynch who said nothing stops the Board of Engineers from having our meeting at Station 1. If someone unable to walk up the stairs came in we could meet with them down stairs. Chief Mackay stated he would post a flyer for anyone interested in purchasing the pool table.

Chief Mackay reported he had informed the Westerly Hospital the Westerly Fire Department would no longer be responding to the helipad unless requested by Lifestar.

Chief Mackay reported the pickets (large spikes) could be purchased

**through Res-Q Jack.**

**He also commented on the visit to Essex to view their Rescue truck and was still working to set up a time to see the truck in East Great Plains Fire Department in Norwich, CT.**

**Money collected by the District:**

<b>Business inspections</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>Smoke inspections</b>	<b>150.00</b>	
<b>Plan Review-commercial</b>	<b>300.00</b>	
<b>Plan Review-residential</b>	<b>200.00</b>	
<b>Reimbursement-Overpayment-Bocce Club</b>	<b>475.00</b>	
<b>Payment ½ JMack Studios invoice (UBS picnic tshirts)</b>		<b>555.00</b>

**Agenda for the next meeting**

**Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting**

**Bills for the evening**

**Any Business properly brought before the Board**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro Jr.**